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SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION TO GOB THAT BATJER CHARGE

REF: STATE 165634

1. ON AUGUST 22, I CALLED ON SUBEV AND SET FORTH DEPARTMENT'S POSITION AS OUTLINED IN REFTTEL STRESSING THAT VIENNA CONVENTION (ARTICLE 19) PROVIDES THAT CHARGE NOTIFICATION CAN BE MADE BY FOREIGN MINISTRY OF SENDING STATE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY OF RECEIVING STATE. READ DEPARTMENT'S NOTETO BULGARIAN EMBASSY AND STATED THAT THIS MEETS REQUIREMENT ACCORDING OUR INTERPRETATION OF VIENNA CONVENTION. STATED THAT WE CONSIDERED BULGARIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND US EMBASSY HERE TO BE NORMAL AND PROPER CHANNELS FOR TRANSMITTING OFFICIAL MESSAGES BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENTS. ADDED DEPARTMENT UNABLE UNDERSTAND UNUSUAL POSITION BEING TAKEN BY GOB AND EXPECTS THE MATTER BE RESOLVED QUICKLY.

2. SUBEV IMPLIED HE WAS NOT AWARE THAT NOTIFIATION COULD BE BETWEEN SENDING AND RECEIVING MFAS AND TOOK NOTE OF THE TEXT OF DEPARTMENT'S NOTE TO BULGARIAN EMBASSY. EXPLAINED THAT OTHER NATIONS SUCH AS NORWAY NOTIFY VIA INTERNATIONAL TELEGRAPHIC FACILITIES AS DOES BULGARIA, THEREFORE, MFA PROTOCOL OFFICE ACCEPTS THIS AS NORMAL CHANNEL. BUT AGREED THAT SUCH COMMUNILIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CATIONS COULD ALSO BE HANDLED BY EMBASSIES. WENT TO

GREAT LENGTH TO EXPLAIN THAT GOB IS NOT TRYING TO BE DIFFICULT OR TAKE AN UNUSUAL POSITION AND POINTED TO POUCH REQUEST SIGNATURE EXCEPTIONS AS AN EXAMPLE OF COOPERATION.

3. ONLY AFTER I WENT BACK OVER ARGUMENTS, ASKED THAT THE MFA PROTOCOL OFFICE REVIEW VIENNA CONVENTION (ARTICLE 19), AND ASSURED SUBEV THAT DEPARTMENT DOES NOT USE INTERNATIONAL TELEGRAPHIC FACILITIES FOR OFFICIAL MESSAGES, DID SUBEV PROMISE TO RAISE THE MATTER WITH HIGHER OFFICIALS. HE FURTHER PROMISED TO KEEP ME INFORMED AND ASSURED ME THAT ADDITIONAL EXCEPTIONS FOR SIGNATURE ON POUCH REQUEST WOULD BE FORTHCOMING.

4. UNLESS SITUATION DRAGS ON FOR UNBEARABLE PERIOD, I DO NOT INTEND TO REQUEST FURTHER POUCH CLEARANCE EXCEPTIONS.  
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